(b) whether customers are asked to submit many applications for re-activation of their STD facilities and no action is taken on them for weeks together ;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Sir, only one application is required from the customer with his/her signature attested by Central/State Government Gazetted Officer or from the Bank Manager of a scheduled bank.

However, in one case for re-activation of STD/ISD facility on telephone number 2162698 received on 11-4-2000, the attesting officer had written customer's name wrongly. The customer made necessary correction on 13-4-2000 and OB was issued promptly. STD/ISD facility was re-activated on 18-4-2000 on telephone No. 2162698 (14th, 15th and 16th April being holidays).

Computerisation of Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh

3855. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken by Government to computerise big post offices in Himachal Pradesh and also to provide internet/E-mail facilities there ;

(b) the number of such post offices with their locations which are presently computerised; and

(c) by when the remaining post offices will have such facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The computerisation of big post offices in Himachal Pradesh is being done as per targets and the availability of funds. At present, there is no proposal to provide Internet/E-mail facility in the post offices.

(b) So far, 58 post offices (list containing names is enclosed as statement) *(see* below) have been provided with PC based Multipurpose Counter Machines

(MPCMs) in the State.

(c) For the year 1999-2000, 4 Head Post Offices (HPO) namely, Bilaspur, Kullu, Hamirpur and Shimla are in the process of being fully computerised. The computerisation of the remaining post offices would depend upon the plan targets and the availability of funds.

STATEMENT

List of post offices where MPCM's have been installed in Himachal Pradesh postal circle

Sl. No.	Name of Post Office	Name of Division
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Shimla GPO	Shimla
2.	AGPO Shimla	-do-
3.	Ambedkar Chowk Shimla	-do-
4.	Summer Hill Shimla	-do-
5.	Combermere Shimla	-do-
6.	Chhota Shimla	-do-
7.	H. P. Sectt. Shimla	-do-
8.	Kasumpati Shimla	-do-
9.	Sanjauli Shimla	-do-
10.	Theog	-do-
11.	Rohru	-do-
12.	Solan	Solan
13.	Saproon	-do-
14.	Nauni	-do-
15.	Subathu	-do-
16.	Kasauli	-do-
17.	Parwanoo	-do-

(1)	(2)	(3)
18.	Baddi	Solan
19.	Nalagarh	-do-
20.	Nahan	-do-
21.	Paonta Sahib	-do-
22.	Mandi	Mandi
23.	Sundernagar Township	-do-
24.	Sunder Nagar-I	-do-
25.	Bhojpur	-do-
26.	Rewalaar	-do-
27.	Sarkaghat	-do-
28.	Joginder Nagar	-do-
29.	Karsog	-do-
30.	Pandoh	-do-
31.	Bhunter	-do-
32.	Kullu	-do-
33.	Manali	-do-
34.	Hamirpur	Hamirpur
35.	Bilaspur	-do-
36.	Bilaspur Kutchery	-do-
37.	Ghumarwin	-do-
38.	Naina Devi	-do-
39.	Barsar	-do-
40.	Nadaun	-do-
41.	Una	Una
42.	Rampur Bushehr	Rampur Bushehr

(1)	(2)	(3)
43.	Rekong Peo	Rampur Bushehr
44.	Chamba	Chamba
45.	Dalhousie	-do-
46.	Dehra	Dehra
47.	Kangra	-do-
48.	Jawalamukhi	-do-
49.	Nagrota Bagwan	-do-
50.	Jawali	-do-
51.	Dharamsala	Dharamsala
52.	Palampur	-do-
53.	Nurpur	-do-
54.	Baijnath	-do-
55.	Panchrukhi	-do-
56.	Jassur	-do-
57.	Meclendganj	-do-
58.	Distt. Courts Dharamsala	-do-

Release of commemorative stamp in memory of late Shri N. T. Rama Rao

3856. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in recognition to the services rendered to the people Government quite often releases special postal stamps in memory of eminent personalities;

(b) whether Government are aware of the multifacted contribution of late Shri N. T. Rama Rao in the field of culture and public life;

(c) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh have written to the Ministry of Communications to release a commemorative postal stamp